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SUBJECT: GATT AND ROMANIAN TARIFF

REF: (A) USEC BRUSSELS 07196; (B) STATE 183211

1. WE NOTE THAT AGREEMENT OF KAWAN OF GENEVA EC COMMISSION OFFICE TO LATEST FORMULATION HAS ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED (REF (A)). BEFORE TALKING TO ROMANIANS, WE WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE OUR APPROACH ON PROPOSED TIMING OF WP WITH KAWAN (WHO NOT IN GENEVA AT PRESENT). WOULD THEREFOE BE HELPFUL HAVE WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON EC'S SUGGESTION OF NOVEMBER SCHEDULING CONTAINED REF (A). WE PERCEIVE NO DIFFICULTY EXCEPT FOR FACT THAT MANY OTHER REGULAR GATT MEETINGS ARE ALREADY CIRCLING IN HOLDING PATTERN PENDING SCHEDULING DEVELOPMENTS IN MTN; IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BE OVERLY CHOOSY IN ANY EVENT.

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2. WE SEE MERIT IN SOUNDING OUT JAPANESE ATTITUDE

TOWARD PROPOSED FORMULATION AS MENTIONED IN REF (A);
IF WASHINGTON AGREES, WE WILL DO SO. WE WOULD NOT PLAN
DELAY APPROACH TO ROMANIANS, HOWEVER.

3. IN VIEW EXTENSIVE CABLE TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT,
BELIEVE IT USEFUL STATE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT
VERSION OF FORMULATION WE WILL BE PRESENTING TO ROMANIANS
IN GENEVA: QUOTE

"THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WP WERE TO EXAMINE, IN
THE LIGHT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL
AGREEMENT, THE CUSTOMS TARIFF AND THE REGULATIONS ON
THE CUSTOMS TARIFF INTRODUCED BY ROMANIA, AND TO REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED
BY ROMANIA, THE WP FOUND THAT THE TARIFF MODALITIES ARE
NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL
AGREEMENT.

"IN ADDITION, THE WP REVIEWED THE ROLE OF THE TARIFF IN
ROMANIA'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND THE SCOPE OF ITS EFFECTS
ON IMPORTS. AT THIS STAGE THE WORKING PARTY WAS NOT
ABLE TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
ROMANIAN TARIFF IN THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THAT COUNTRY.
THE WORKING PARTY WAS SATISFIED TO BE INFORMED THAT THE
ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD THE INTENTION TO MAINTAIN ITS
COMMITMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF ANNEX B OF ITS PROTOCOL
OF ACCESSION." END QUOTE DALE

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